

### Remarks

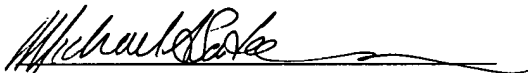
The above amendments have been made to place the application in better form for examination.

The fee of \$381 is being submitted herewith for three additional independent claims in excess of three ( $3 \times \$43$  (small entity) = \$129) and twenty-eight additional claims in excess of twenty ( $28 \times \$9$  (small entity)) = \$252). If no check is attached, or if a greater or lesser fee is required, please charge or credit Deposit Account Number 22-0261 accordingly and notify the undersigned.

Applicant hereby requests an action on the merits at the earliest opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

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